

**INVERTER CIRCUIT, FLUORESCENT TUBE LIGHTING APPARATUS,  
BACKLIGHT APPARATUS, AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY**

**ABSTRACT**

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A driving apparatus and a driving method are disclosed that are capable of uniformly lighting each entire fluorescent tube irrespective of the length or number of fluorescent tubes when simultaneously driving a plurality of fluorescent tubes in a fluorescent tube lighting apparatus. When two inverter circuits having  
10 respective transformers are provided at both ends of a fluorescent tube to light the fluorescent tube by push-pull driving, feedback windings of transformers not used in self-excited oscillation of each inverter circuit are connected together, with the transformer connection that connects together the feedback windings being either in-phase or in opposite phase, and the method of connection for fluorescent tubes  
15 connecting to secondary windings of each transformer can be changed in accordance with that connection method.